

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 17, 18, 21, and 22, of which claim 17 is independent. Claims 11 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter. No claims have been added.

In view of the above cancelled claims and the following remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of the above application is respectfully sought.

In the outstanding Official Action claims 17, 18, 21, and 22 had been identified as being allowable. As these are the only remaining claims, and as each of these claims has not been further amended, they remain in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application has now been placed in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue are respectfully sought.

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